



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 486

January Session, 2003

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF ANIMALS FROM THE
CONNECTICUT HUMANE SOCIETY.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 22-380f of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (a) No pound shall sell or give away any unspayed or unneutered
4 dog or cat to any person unless such pound receives forty-five dollars
5 from the person buying or adopting such dog or cat. Funds received
6 pursuant to this section shall be paid quarterly by the municipality
7 into the animal population control account established under section
8 22-380g. At the time of receipt of such payment, the pound shall
9 provide a voucher, for the purpose of sterilization and vaccination
10 benefits, as provided in section 22-380i, to the person buying or
11 adopting such dog or cat. Such voucher shall be on a form provided by
12 the commissioner and signed by the eligible owner. Such voucher shall
13 become void after sixty days from the date of adoption unless a
14 participating veterinarian certifies that the dog or cat is medically unfit
15 for surgery. Such certification shall be on a form provided by the
16 commissioner and specify a date by which such dog or cat may be fit
17 for sterilization. If the surgery is performed more than thirty days after
18 such specified date, the voucher shall become void. In the case of a dog
19 or cat that has been previously sterilized or is permanently medically
20 unfit for sterilization, as determined by a participating veterinarian,

21 the voucher shall be void and the eligible owner may apply to the
22 commissioner for a refund in the amount of forty-five dollars.

23 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
24 no pound shall receive forty-five dollars from the Connecticut
25 Humane Society for any unspayed or unneutered cat or dog that is
26 given by such pound to the Connecticut Humane Society, provided
27 such cat or dog is spayed or neutered by the Connecticut Humane
28 Society prior to the adoption of such animal by any person. Such
29 sterilization shall not be required prior to the time of adoption if a
30 licensed veterinarian employed by the Connecticut Humane Society
31 certifies that the cat or dog is medically unfit for surgery. Such
32 certification shall be on a form provided by the commissioner and
33 specify a date by which such cat or dog may be medically fit for
34 sterilization. The Connecticut Humane Society shall provide to the
35 person adopting such animal a voucher for sterilization that specifies
36 the date by which such cat or dog may be medically fit for sterilization.
37 If the surgery is performed more than thirty days after such specified
38 date, the voucher shall become void and the owner shall pay a fee of
39 forty-five dollars to the Connecticut Humane Society which shall be
40 transferred by the Connecticut Humane Society to the pound that gave
41 such cat or dog to the Connecticut Humane Society. In the case of a cat
42 or dog that is permanently medically unfit for sterilization, as
43 determined by a licensed veterinarian employed by the Connecticut
44 Humane Society, no such fee shall be charged.

45 Sec. 2. Section 20-197 of the general statutes is repealed and the
46 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

47 (a) No person shall practice veterinary medicine, surgery or
48 dentistry until he has obtained a license as provided in section 20-199.
49 A person shall be construed to practice veterinary medicine, surgery or
50 dentistry, within the meaning of this chapter, who holds himself out as
51 being able to diagnose, administer biologics for, treat, operate or
52 prescribe for any animal or bird disease, pain, injury, deformity or
53 physical condition, or who either offers or undertakes, by any means

54 or methods, to diagnose, administer biologics for, treat, operate or
 55 prescribe for any animal or bird disease, pain, injury, deformity or
 56 physical condition. The euthanizing of animals in accordance with
 57 applicable state and federal drug laws by the Connecticut Humane
 58 Society and the floating of teeth in horses by persons experienced in
 59 that practice shall not be deemed to be the practice of veterinary
 60 medicine. For the purposes of this section, "floating teeth" means using
 61 hand-held rasps to reduce or eliminate sharp or uneven edges on a
 62 horse's upper and lower molars to avoid injury to the tongue and
 63 cheeks and to improve chewing food, but does not include treating
 64 decay, tumors or extracting teeth.

65 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, licensure shall
 66 not be required of veterinary technicians employed by the Connecticut
 67 Humane Society when such technicians administer vaccinations to
 68 animals owned by the Connecticut Humane Society provided such
 69 technicians are under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003
Sec. 2	October 1, 2003

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